(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a)
to (c) Capital and/or interest subsidy is being provided in order to make solar energy systems/devices more affordable. However, subsidy for installation of grid-interactive solar photovoltaic (SPV) power systems has been discontinued as SPV power remains economically unviable, whereas the same in off-grid standalone applications in remote areas is cost-competitive. Thus, under the Remote Village Electrification programme of the Ministry covering 25,000 odd un-electrified census villages, where grid extension is either not cost effective or feasible, upto 90% subsidy is allowed in renewable energy systems/devices, including SPV systems/ devices. Further, on SPV pumping systems for individual beneficiaries subsidy has been discontinued because of the high quantum involved per individual although subsidy is available for community applications.

Proposal for allocation of amount under PMGSY to Tamil Nadu

3652. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated and the number of proposals sanctioned to the State of Tamil Nadu under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during each of the last 3 years and for 2005-06;

(b) whether the Union Government has chalked out any time frame for laying all whether road to all the unconnected villages of Tamil Nadu under PMGSY;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The value of proposals and the number of road works sanctioned to Tamil Nadu under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the years 2001-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given below:

Year	Value of proposals (Rs. in crore)	No. of road works approved
2001-03	115.81	450
2003-04	164.78	498
2004-05	117.91	417

The proposals for the year 2005-06 have not been received from the State.

(b) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched in December 2000 envisages to provide connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas of the country, including in Tamil Nadu, with a population of more than 500 persons through good All-weather roads by the end of the Tenth Plan period. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.

Pending proposal for NCES of Chhattisgarh

† 3653. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the approval of the pending proposals regarding non-conventional energy sources during 2004-05 in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the reasons for delay in granting approval;

(c) whether any incentive is being given by his Ministry to the States in the field of bio-diesel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The details of proposals received from Chhattisgarh for programmes/schemes of this Ministry are given in the Statement. (See below) Proposalswould be considered on receipt of clarifications/revised proposals from the State and clearance would be immediately given depending upon techno- economic feasibility, fulfilment of terms and conditions as per the provisions of respective programmes and availability of funds.

(c) and (d) Alternate fuels, namely, hydrogen, bio fuels and synthetic fuels are still in the developmental phase. R&D efforts are underway to align the characteristics and cost of bio fuels to those of diesel. In this connection, Central financial assistance is being provided to some test projects on village energy security that aim to meet the entire energy needs of cooking, lighting and motive power of a village through renewables,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.